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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 15362

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT PARIS DATED 11 MAY 1978 FROM STRASBOURG WAS RECEIVED BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE VOTE ON THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. IT IS REPEATED WITH THAT QUALIFICATION:
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QUOTE: STRASSBOURG

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REF: STRASBOURG 112

TEXT

1. AS A FOLLOWUP TO THE REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL, I HAVE TALKED WITH THE CYPRIOT, TURKISH AND GREEK AMBASSADORS AND COE SECRETARY-GENERAL KAHN-ACKERMANN REGARDING WHERE THEY BELIEVE THE APRIL 24-28 COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY SESSION CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE KARASEK CYPRUS REPORT HAS LEFT MATTERS.

2. THE TURKS HERE CONSIDER THE VOTE FOR THE KARASEK REPORT A VICTORY AND AN ENDORSEMENT OF THEIR CONTENTION THAT THEIR PROPOSALS CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. THEY CONTEND THE US ADMINISTRATION (AND BY IMPLICATION CONGRESS) SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE OVERWHELMING ENDORSEMENT OF THE TURKISH POSITION BY 20 EUROPEAN NATIONS AND THIS DEFEAT OF GREEK "SCARE TACTICS" DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE THE CONGRESS.

3. AS THEY ARE SAYING IN OTHER CAPITALS, THE GREEKS AND CYPRIOTS MAINTAIN THE KARASEK REPORT WHICH THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTED IS MISLEADING BECAUSE IT WAS BASED ON A "FRIENDLY AND SINCE" KARAMANLIS-ECEVIT DIALOGUE WHICH WAS SHORT-LIVED AND WHICH WAS THEN FOLLOWED BY TOTALLY INADEQUATE TURKISH PROPOSALS. THEY FURTHER CONTEND CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT KARASEK INITIALLY AGREED WITH THEM THAT WHILE CYPRUS MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN THE ASSEMBLY, ANY RESOLUTION VOTE SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE AUTUMN SESSION. WHEN ONE PRESSES HARDER, THESE SOURCES ALSO SAY THEY BELIEVE THAT KARASEK, THOUGH "AN OBJECTIVE OBSERVER", IS ANXIOUS NOT TO OFFEND THE TURKS BECAUSE HE WANTS THEIR VOTES FOR HIS ALLEDGEDLY IMPENDING EFFORT TO BECOME THE NEXT SECRETARY-GENERAL. (PERHAPS EMBASSY VIENNA CAN SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON KARASEK'S AMBITIONS).

T4. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOUND THE TURKISH ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE IMPRESSIVE, THAT OF THE GREEKS BADLY LACKING INFLUENCE. THE PROBLEM WITH THE ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION WAS THAT LITTLE WAS KNOWN ABOUT AND LITTLE ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE CONTENT OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS.

5. AFTER CONSIDERABLE FOOT-DRAGGING BY THE GREEK SIDE, THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER DID AGREE TO MEET HIS TURKISH COUNTERPART IN THE LATTER'S OFFICE AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR 15 MINUTES AT THE END OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS MEETING THE AFTERNOON OF

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NON-SUBSTANTIVE GET-ACQUAINTED TALK. KURZE UNQUOTE
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